

Sec. 12-127. False alarm fee.

(a) Any fees payable to the City which are delinquent may be assessed against the property involved as a special charge for current service, without notice, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Annotated §66.0627.

(b) If the Police Department responds to a false alarm, the alarm user shall pay the City a fee according to the following schedule of fees for any false alarm occurring in a calendar year:

(1) First two (2) false alarms.....	No charge
(2) Second false alarm.....	\$50
(2 3) Third, fourth and fifth false alarms	\$75 100.00
(3 4) Sixth, seventh and eighth false alarms	\$150 200.00
(4 5) Ninth, tenth, and eleventh false alarms	\$300.00
(5 6) Twelfth and subsequent false alarms.....	\$600.00

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(c) Discontinuance of response.

- (1) If the Police Department is cancelled by the emergency communications center while responding to an alarm, the alarm user may still be assessed a fee for a false alarm.
- (2) In cases where the alarm user has twelve (12) or more false alarms within a six- (6-) month period the Police Department may suspend response after the Chief of Police or designee sends written notification to the alarm user. In order to lift the suspension, the alarm user shall submit written confirmation to the Chief of Police or designee that the alarm system has been inspected and repaired, if necessary, and/or additional measures have been taken to reduce the number of false alarms at that location. If the Chief of Police or designee determines that the actions taken are likely to prevent the occurrence of additional false alarms, the Police Department shall lift the suspension.

(d) Exceptions and appeals.

(1) A fee shall not be charged if any of the following apply:

- a. The alarm was activated by criminal activity or a legitimate emergency.
- b. The alarm was activated after a power outage that lasted more than four (4) hours.
- c. The alarm was activated after the **premises** was damaged by weather conditions.
- d. The Fire Department has assessed a fee for a false fire alarm.
- e. The Police Department was cancelled prior to arriving at the **premises** and documentation is provided that enhanced call verification or verified response was properly utilized.

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- (2) An alarm user may appeal the assessment of a false alarm fee by submitting written documentation to the Police Chief or designee within ten (10) business days after notification of the assessment of a fee. The Chief or designee must inform the alarm user of the decision in writing. If the alarm user further contests the Chief or designee's decision within ten (10) days of receiving the Chief or designee's decision, the alarm user may seek review by the Safety and Licensing Committee by submitting a written notification to the City Clerk's Office.